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I disagree with the proposed settlement with Microsoft. I think they broke the law and the remedy should be that they are forced to open their system to the applications of others. They should provide full and open disclosure of the interfaces needed to optimize applications with all of the various windows operating systems. They should have to pay back the DOJ for the costs of the lawsuit. They should have to put money into a fund to nurture outside development of applications, either by individuals or other corporations.

Microsoft has repeatedly engaged in illegal, unfair, and shady practices. They will continue to run roughshod over any competition unless they are restricted from doing so. I want to see Bill Gates removed from the company entirely, and their plans and strategy should be published at least six months before any new products are released.

They should be forced to deal with the security holes they have left in Windows, InternetExplorer, and Outlook. They need to close these holes or pay damages to victims. They should have to fund a group to improve security and prevent malicious hacking.

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